

(Emphasis added.)

Therefore, not only does Brigham et al. not anticipate the present invention as recited in claim 1, but also expressly teaches away from the invention.

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 3 and 4 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but stated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, Applicant has added new independent claim 26, having all the features of original claims 1 and 3, and new dependent claim 27 having the features of original claim 4. New claims 26 and 27 should therefore be allowable.

In view of the above, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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